

BRITISH BREAK GERMAN THIRD LINE AT GINCHY

INEFFICIENCY IN KEEPING RECORDS; EPWORTH CHARGE

Church Ignorant Because of
Poor Bookkeeping, Claim.

REGISTRAR ONE WITNESS

Opposition Submits Audit Re-
ports to Conferences.

An inefficient and unbusiness-like bookkeeping system employed by Epworth university was exposed today by the Methodist Episcopal church, south, which is striving for possession of the valuable university property. By showing the mismanagement of the business end of the administration of Epworth, attorneys sought to controvert the contention of the University Development company, which is also seeking possession of the property, to the effect that the conference and board of education of the M. E. church were fully cognizant of the financial condition of the university after a \$40,000 loan was made to Epworth by the company.

The books of the university were subjected to a minute examination on the stand by both litigants. C. S. McCright, registrar, of the university from 1906 until it was closed in 1911, was on the stand almost the entire morning for the purpose of explaining his system of keeping the books and to explain various entries and totals found in them.

Visitors Make Reports.
Conferences of the M. E. church appointed visitors whose duty it was to come to this city and examine the condition of the university and report their findings to the conference.

Mr. McCright said the Rev. W. F. Dunkel, a conference visitor and president of the Epworth board of education, and the Rev. W. J. Moore, a conference visitor, audited his books in October, 1910, almost four months after the loan had been made. Their signed report to the conference was read in court.

Verify the Books.
They made an unrestricted verification of the books to the conference. This evidence was introduced by attorneys for the development company to prove the conference was in possession of all the business transactions of the university and fully cognizant of the dire financial condition of Epworth at that time.

Also, that knowing of the \$40,000 loan which carried an annual interest of \$2,800, or 7 percent, the conference appropriated absolutely nothing during the last year to meet even the interest on the mortgage.

Sources of Information.
Mr. McCright admitted before the fire of cross-questioning by attorneys for Epworth that much of his information of transactions of the university was gathered from indirect sources and that he got many of the statements recorded in his books from "various sources." The books did not show many of the obligations of Epworth, he said.

Efforts were made by attorneys for the church to show that from the incompetent methods of bookkeeping employed, the church conference could not have known the complete financial situation by a mere audit or survey of the books.

It was expected that high church dignitaries would be placed on the stand this afternoon.

**Texas Mason Dies
in Springfield, Ill.**
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 15.—Edwin B. New of Fort Worth, Texas, prominent in Masonic circles, a member of Mosiah patrol band at the Shriner's convention in Buffalo, N. Y., died here late Thursday on his way from the convention to his home in Texas. He stopped here to visit his parents.

**BLACKWELL COLD
SPOT IN STATE;
DOWN TO 39 DEG.**
Forty-six Above Lowest Temperature Here; No Frost.

Oklahoma is supposed to have escaped frost last night, none being reported to the weather bureau's central station in Oklahoma City today. Blackwell was the coldest place on the state map last night, the temperature there dropping to 39 degrees above zero, only seven points from freezing. In Oklahoma City the lowest temperature recorded was 46 degrees, but it seemed a lot colder than that to the population. Warmer breezes and a more genial sun are predicted for tomorrow here.

SINKING



Mrs. Anne E. Howe.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Sept. 15.—President Wilson received word today that his sister, Mrs. Anne E. Howe, who is ill at New London, Conn., is sinking rapidly. Tentative plans were made immediately for his departure for New London later today.

FINE DEALT OUT TO CITY OFFICER; SPEEDING CHARGE

Water Superintendent Jolted;
Others Treated Likewise.

We'll have it slow and quiet on the streets and boulevards now. Judge Spitzer of the municipal court refuses to "listen to reason" when a motorcop says a man speeded and the defendant admits he tore the end out of the speed regulations.

The good old days when the judge said "one dollar and costs," and the speeders grinned and paid their little old two dollars, are gone. The speeder who goes to face trial now better have a bankroll with him. A lawyer won't do any good.

J. W. Bennett, superintendent of the city water department, led the procession that passed before the judge this morning and on to the court clerk's desk laid down big money. Father McGuire of Sacred Heart church was in line. S. H. Kerfoot and R. L. McKee were there and were fined \$50 and costs.

City Official Jolted.
Bennett was fined \$25 and costs on a charge of speeding. City Commissioner Street, who was in the car with him, was not present to testify. Bennett pleaded not guilty and Motorcop Thomas told of his speeding to catch Bennett. The judge announced the

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Montanans for Dry and Suffrage Laws

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 15.—Plans in-dorsing suffrage for all women and favoring statewide prohibition and pledging support in congress of national prohibition were contained in the platform adopted here today by the state democratic convention.

Warmer Tomorrow Is Local Forecast

Local Forecast—Fair and cooler to-night; fair Saturday and somewhat warmer.
State Forecast—Tonight fair and cooler; frost in north; Saturday fair with rising temperature.

KANAR—Fair tonight; slowly rising temperature.
ARKANSAS—Fair; cooler; frost in extreme northwest portion.
WEST TEXAS—Cooler.

YOU CANNOT TELL BY THE LOOK OF A STORM HOW FAR IT WILL STORM

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

10 p. m.	40
11 p. m.	38
12 midnight	35
1 a. m.	33
2 a. m.	31
3 a. m.	30
4 a. m.	29
5 a. m.	28
6 a. m.	27
7 a. m.	26
8 a. m.	25
9 a. m.	24
10 a. m.	23
11 a. m.	22
12 noon	21
1 p. m.	20
2 p. m.	19

"Zimmie"

GRANDSTAND CUT 100 FEET; PLANS REDUCE LENGTH

Seating Capacity to Be 4,000
Instead of 7,000 Persons.

TO ASSURE COMPLETION

State Fair Officials Decide on
Smaller Edifice.

Owing to the fact that state fair time is so near it is feared construction of the fair grandstand as originally planned can not be carried out, it has been decided to construct an edifice only two-thirds as large as the plans call for. This announcement was made today by a prominent state fair official.

The grandstand when completed will be 300 feet in length. It was originally planned to make it 400 feet long. It will have a seating capacity of 4,000, approximately, as against 7,000 the larger building would accommodate.

Only the Single Change.

With the exception of cutting down the length of the structure, the building will be unchanged. It will be erected to the height of the recently burned building and the seating arrangements will be identical with the plans.

State fair directors decided to curtail construction only after it was seen that the entire building could not be completed in time for the fair, and although the public will be somewhat inconvenienced other arrangements will be made for taking care of the crowds expected.

To Enlarge it Later.

As soon as the fair is over, and in ample time for the 1917 exposition, the grandstand will be enlarged sufficiently to take care of any throngs it may be called upon to hold.

NEW DIMES ISSUED TODAY; NONE HERE

None of the new quarters, halves and dimes recently minted at Denver has been received so far in Oklahoma City, it was stated this morning by local bankers. The new coins were supposed to be released today. Their design is vastly different from the old money, and they were minted in accordance with a federal law making it compulsory that the design of fractional currency be changed once every twenty years.

PRESIDENT WILL ANSWER HUGHES ON RAILWAY BILL

Anxious to Meet Republicans
on Issue.

LONG BEACH, N. Y., Sept. 15.—President Wilson decided today to challenge the statement made by Charles Evans Hughes in recent speeches that the basis for settlement of the railroad strike which was averted was merely an increase of wages for the employees. The president, his political advisers said today, considers the principle of the eight-hour day practically acknowledged by the strike settlement and will seek to show that while the railroad eight-hour bill as passed by congress to meet the situation will give employees at least a temporary increase in pay, the more important fact is that it establishes the eight-hour day as the basis of work for railroad working men.

The president will make known his views either in a speech at Shadow Lawn, or in a letter. Democratic leaders expect the republicans to continue their efforts to make the strike an issue and it was said today that Mr. Wilson will welcome such an argument.

Democrats Hear Good Reports

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the democratic national committee, visited western democratic campaign headquarters today and expressed the opinion that President Wilson will carry Indiana. He said encouraging reports had been received from Ohio.

W. F. Bunsen, a member of the democratic national campaign committee, brought word that the democrats think they have an even chance to carry Kansas. William Sapp, democratic national committeeman from Kansas has endorsed the opinion that Kansas should be put in the doubtful column.

Democratic National Committeeman Edward F. Goltz of Missouri, said the only question about his state is the size of the plurality for President Wilson.

PLAINTIFF MUST PROVE GHOSTS ACTUALLY EXIST OR DROP SLANDER SUIT

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 15.—Attorneys for E. C. Britt of this city must prove within twenty days that ghosts actually exist. Otherwise Judge O. A. Lucas in the circuit court will sustain W. H. Eardley's demurrer to a \$15,000 slander suit brought by Britt on a charge that Eardley had damaged the value of his property by asserting that it was "haunted." Judge Lucas made that ruling here today.

Eight-Footed Pig, Freaky Sheep Arrive

Collection at Stockyards to Be
Exhibited at the Coming
State Fair.

A pig that had two feet on "every corner" where one ordinarily sprouts, or eight altogether instead of the four usually allotted to porkers, and a sheep with a lone horn protruding from the center of its forehead, both of which arrived in yesterday's shipment of livestock, gave the air of a museum.

Scores of curiosity seekers, hearing of these two strange visitors, went to Packingtown today to see the two freaks.

The pig came with a lot of other youngsters from the farm of Roy Hutto in Beckham county. It is three months old. It has two perfectly formed feet on each leg. Picklers at the packeries were lamenting that all pigs were not thus equipped. Think of the pickled pigs' feet that could be had. Twice as many feet with the same number of pigs.

The freaky sheep, its lone horn giving it the appearance of a unicorn, was just like the other sheep save that it did not have a pair of horns. It came from the Maysville farm of J. B. Garrison of Oklahoma City. The extraordinary specimens arriving in a single day caused much comment at the stockyards.

Both freaks were bought by the New State Serum company and will be exhibited at the State Fair and next year's stock show.

Springfield Bread Reduced an Ounce

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Sept. 15.—Springfield bakers reduced the size of 5-cent loaves of bread today from fifteen to fourteen ounces and announced that unless there is a drop in the price of flour within the next few days a further reduction will be made. Some of the smaller bakeries are making 5-cent loaves that weigh not more than ten ounces.

Mexicans Fire on American Outpost

DEL RIO, Texas, Sept. 15.—An American outpost, at Sycamore, twelve miles east of here, was fired on by Mexicans from across the Rio Grande last night, according to a report reaching here today. Details concerning the affair have not been received but army officers are investigating.

Better Menu Contest

WHAT can I fix for dinner? That question causes many a frown in Oklahoma City homes. Variety gives zest to meals as well as to life. The same rule that applies to dinner goes for breakfast and the noonday luncheon as well. The Times is going to help the women of Oklahoma City to surprise the members of their families with a pleasing variety of menus. The women of the city are going to do most of the work and the Times is going to pay each woman for her assistance.

We want every woman to submit the best menu she can prepare for a day—breakfast, luncheon and the evening meal, whether you call it dinner or supper.

The Times will publish one menu each day and for every menu that our cook critic selects for publication, we will pay 50 cents. Be explicit in giving amount of ingredients in stating method of preparation of special dishes.

Here is a list of the prizes offered:
FIVE DOLLARS FOR THE BEST MENU FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PERSONS.
FIVE DOLLARS FOR THE BEST MENU FOR A FAMILY OF THREE.
FIVE DOLLARS FOR THE BEST MENU FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR.
FIVE DOLLARS FOR THE BEST MENU FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE.
FIVE DOLLARS FOR THE BEST MENU FOR A FAMILY OF SIX.
FIVE DOLLARS FOR THE BEST MENU FOR A FAMILY OF SEVEN.
FIVE DOLLARS FOR THE BEST MENU FOR A FAMILY OF EIGHT.

Nourishment, palatableness, variety and economy will be considered in awarding the prizes.

The contest will continue until January 1, 1917.

Address all menus to the EDITOR, BETTER MENU CONTEST, OKLAHOMA CITY TIMES.

OZARK TRAILERS TO ORGANIZE AT SESSION TONIGHT

Will Choose Promoter and
Press Representative.

MAYOR WILL BE PRESENT

All Civic Organizations Invited
to Participate.

A great well-kept highway extending from one side of Oklahoma to the other, destined ultimately to become the mother of countless thousands of other highways interlacing every county and township in the state—the dream of W. H. ("Gin") Harvey, president of the Ozark Trails association—is about to become a reality.

At a meeting attended by 200 of the state's most enthusiastic good roads boosters, held at noon today in the Skirvin hotel, he announced that tonight he would meet with committees from every local civic association, and Mayor Overholser, to perfect an organization which is to thrust the Ozark trail from Oklahoma City west to Santa Fe, N. M., there to connect with the Santa Fe trail, California and the Pacific ocean.

Wants Plenty of Help.

He will ask the civic organizations to provide the trail association with a good roads promoter who shall spend all his time henceforth in creating the proposed highway, and a press representative to see that the project receives the proper publicity.

Mr. Harvey will remain in this section until the date is fixed for the Ozark Trails convention, to be held in this city some time in November.

Small Town Committees.

The committees from small towns along both of the two proposed routes of the trail have been in the city since yesterday. They came in by automobile and train.

Nothing less than something tangible as to the moment of starting the trail will satisfy them, and many will remain until after the committee meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Skirvin hotel when the Ozark trails organization will be perfected.

Local Retailers Back It.

The local retailers' association has been behind the Ozark trail and good roads movement from the moment of its inception here.

It has secured the co-operation of practically every other civic association and tonight their efforts promise to bring forth fruit.

Charges Against Priests Dropped

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—The charges made by Mayor John P. Mitchell against a number of Catholic priests, together with their counter accusations against Police Commissioner Woods, arising out of disclosures last summer of telephone wire tapping by the police were dismissed today by Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum.

Prairie Pipe Line Divides \$10 a Share

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Sept. 15.—The Prairie Pipe Line company declared a regular quarterly dividend today of \$5 a share and an extra dividend of the same amount. It will be payable October 1.

ADVISER



Major General Tasker H. Bliss.

General Bliss is advising the American members of the joint commission discussing the Mexican trouble. He says a joint constabulary such as is proposed, might not work out satisfactorily.

CARS NEEDED TO REMOVE TROOPS BEING LISTED

Taken to Indicate Early Re-
turn From Border.

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 15.—Organizational commanders of the National guard troops on station here received telegrams today from Washington asking the number of cars necessary to move their contingents. While military men here assumed that this indicated an early withdrawal of the military from the border, it was pointed out that maneuvers have been arranged for practically all the state troops in this district early in October.

Waltonen Leaps From Train, Hurt

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Arthur Waltonen, who was arrested in Ironwood, Mich., in connection with the murder of Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, a wealthy widow of this city, leaped from the New York Central train on which he was being brought to this city in charge of detectives today as it passed through Harmon, N. Y. The train was brought to a stop and Waltonen was found in a ditch beside the tracks severely injured. His condition is said to be serious.

FREDERICK WILLIAM OF HESSE IS SLAIN

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Prince Frederick William of Hesse has been killed at Cara Orman, it was officially announced by the war office today in its report of operations on the Balkan front.

Frederick William is a nephew of the kaiser. He was 23 years old.

American Seaman on Foundered Ship

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The captain and crew of the British steamer Counselor have been landed here. They say the steamer foundered. One member of the crew is an American.

TEUTONS DRIVEN BACK ON FRONT SIX MILES WIDE

Gain Outskirts of Martinpuic,
Near Pozieres.

BULGARS LOSE 12 MILES

Retreat Before Combined Al-
lies' Attack in Macedonia.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Resuming a powerful offensive in the Somme region in France, the British have driven back the Germans from a mile and one-quarter to a mile and three-quarters at some places in assaults on a six-mile front.

Unofficial reports this evening say the British have broken the German third line of defense and have taken the village of Fiers, two miles north of Ginchy. British forces also are reported to have gained the outskirts of Martinpuic, a mile and a half east of Pozieres.

Night Attacks Preliminary.

As a preliminary to today's extended offensive movement, General Haig's forces last night attacked and captured German trenches along a front of more than half a mile southeast of Thiepval. The combined assaults covered virtually the entire Somme front of the British. The night successes included the capture of a strongly fortified German position known as the "Wonder Work." Apparently today's attack had not spent its force when the official bulletin was issued, as it declared that the British were continuing the progress.

French at Rancourt.

The French on their part, drove into the south of Comblis, which already was nearly hemmed in by the entente forces, and report an advance as far as the village of Rancourt.

Heavy fighting also has taken place on the Verdun front, Paris reporting two German attacks there, both of which were repulsed.

Bulgarians Driven Back.

Heavy attacks are being delivered by General Sarraill's forces against the Bulgarians on the Macedonian front with marked success, according to Paris today. Victories have been won by the Serbians, French and British.

The official statement indicates that the most serious defeat was administered by the Bulgarians back twelve miles after several days' fighting west of Lake Ostrovo, capturing many prisoners and twenty-five cannon.

Drive at Center.

The French and British drove at the Bulgarian center on both sides of the Vardar. The French taking positions a mile long and a half mile deep east of the river and the British carrying important positions west of the stream.

Constantinople reports the British again have assumed the offensive in Macedonia.

Drys in Illinois Claiming Victory

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—The Anti-Saloon league of Illinois today claimed a working majority of the next Illinois house of representatives as a result of the primary. The league asserts that at least 82 of the nominees who are almost certain of election in November are pledged to the "dry" cause.

All Kansas Hit by Early Frost

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 15.—The earliest frosts for fourteen years, according to weather bureau records here, were felt last night throughout practically all of Kansas and north and western Missouri, the low temperature have extended as far south in Kansas as Fort Scott and south of Kansas City in low-lying portions of Missouri. Reports received here early today show that a freezing temperature was almost reached at Hanover, Kan., during the night, the minimum there having been 33 degrees.

DURANT SOLDIER IS DROWNED AT SAN BENITO CAMP

Body of Allen D. Cole Found
After Two Days.

SAN BENITO, Texas, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Allen D. Cole, an Indian member of the Durant company of the Oklahoma National guard, was drowned in the reservoir. He disappeared from camp Wednesday and his body was found today. An investigation is being made.